is neither considered feasible nor necessary. However total outstanding advances of Public Sector Banks to the weaker sections of society increased from Rs. 5382 crores as at the end of June, 1986 to Rs. 6353 crores by the end of June, 1987.

**नशीले पदार्थों का पकड़ा जाना**

69. श्री राम चन्द्र विकल: क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि 1 जनवरी, 1986 से 31 जनवरी, 1988 तक कितने मूल्य की हशीश, चरस, ब्राउन शुगर, हेरोइन, स्मैक और अन्य औषधियां पकड़ी गयीं और बाद में उनका निपटान किस तरह किया गया ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राजस्व विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजीत पांजा) : नशीले औषध-द्रवों का ठीक-ठीक मूल्य नहीं बताया जा सकता क्योंकि यह नशीले औषध-द्रव्यों के विभिन्न पहलुओं पर निर्भर करता है जैसे औषध-द्रव्यों की शुद्धता, उद्गम स्रोत इत्यादि। अपेक्षित कानूनी कार्यवाही के पश्चात् निपटान के लिये तैयार जब्त औषध-द्रव्यों को सरकारी कारखानों में भेजा जाता है। हालांकि अफीम और मार्फिन को फिर से संसाधित किया जाता है परन्तु नशीले औषध-द्रव्यों को नष्ट कर दिया जाता है।

**Permission sought for clearance of forest land in Gujarat for irrigation projects**

70. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat government has sought permission from the Central Government for clearance of forest land for three irrigation projects, namely Zankhari, Wallan and Karjan in the tribal areas of South Gujarat;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these projects are not being completed because of non-clearance of forest land; and

(c) if so, by when the Central Government will give permission for clearance of forest land as requested for by the Gujarat Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government of India have approved on 27-10-87 the diversion of 591.39 hectares of forest land for the Karjan irrigation project.

Decision in respect of forest land for Zankhari and Wallan projects can be taken after essential information sought from the State Government is received.

**Water reservoir located in Ganga Basin**

71. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge water reservoir has been located in the Ganga Basin from Western Uttar Pradesh to West Bengal while drilling for petroleum by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission;

(b) whether the data collected by the ONGC has been handed over to the Ministry for suitable action; and

(c) whether the Central Government have prepared any scheme to utilise the underground sweet water for irrigation and drinking purposes and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Interpretation of data collected by Oil & Natural Gas Commission for exploration for oil has been made by Central Ground Water Board, indicating the possibility of the occurrence of deep fresh water aquifers in the Ganga Basin. Existence of deeper aquifers remains to be confirmed.